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Dear Sir:

In response to the December 26, 2002, office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 21-22, 30, 44-45, and 82-94.

Please amend claims 1, 2, 20, 24, 28, 33, 47, 57, 59, 71, and 81 as follows:

1. (Three Times Amended) A DNA construct comprising:
a fragment of a trait DNA molecule which has a length that is
insufficient to independently impart a desired trait to plants transformed with said fragment
of a trait DNA molecule, wherein the fragment of a trait DNA molecule is from a viral source
and is at least 110 nucleotides in length but is less than a full-length cDNA encoding said
trait;
a silencer DNA molecule effective to achieve post-transcriptional gene
silencing of said fragment of a trait DNA molecule and coupled to said fragment of a trait